

Excerpts from letter by Barbu NICULESCU to Major RATIU, d-ted 30 July 48.

N. Andrian
".....When I also was at the State department, I was told the following: " I beg you to inform the General, in an official manner, our wishes that there be a Committee formed and we appeal to him in his status as last Regal ~~Minister~~ uncontested, by anyone and even by the King, Prime Minister to take the leadz toward forming a committee, and to invite all significant and capable Romanians to contribute ~~in~~ towards Romania's salvation. We believe that his plans should correspond to his last proposal of 9 plus 6, a proposal which proves that he does not want a majority and also does not want to exclude anyone." (I ask myself who informed the State Department that the General wants a majority?). I was told: "Now we want to see how the Romanians will respond to our appeal." ~~approach~~ Following this appeal, the General decided to form a Committee and so informed the State Department and the King, and upon receipt of approvals he would declare the Committee formed to include those who had answered in the affirmative to his appeal. Those places not filled, either because of refusal or which were not answered to, would remain open to permit the persons to fill them at anytime.....The General could not ignore the State Department request and had no other solution than that adopted by himself.....You know that I do not revert to falsification of the truth, because in this case it is too serious, and actually a crime. I must add that the General at all times clearly understood the Romanian problems, and now the State Department approves of his point of view. The General could not ignore the request by the State Department and to overlook ~~and~~ its wishes, moreover when we ~~now~~ seek and ask continuously for their help to save our nation. At the same time, the State Department has promised us ~~the~~ help in any and all forms...."

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Extras din crisoarea Dlui. Barbu Niculescu, din 30 Iulie 1948, catre
Dl. Major Ratiu.

..... Cand am fost si eu la State Department, mi s'au comunicat urmatoarele : "Te rug sa transmiti Dlui General, cu caracter oficial nu particular, dorinta noastra de a se face Comitetul si apelam la D-sa in calitatea cea care de ultim Prim Ministru legal si necontestat de nimeni si nici de Rege, de a lua initiativa formarei Comitetului, invitand pe toti Romanii indicati si capabili sa contribuie la salvarea tarii. Credeam ca propunerile Dsale trebuie sa corespunda cu ultima propunere Dsale de 9 plus 6, propunere care dovedeste ca nu vrea majoritatea si nici nu exclude pe nimeni." (Ma intreb cum a ajuns la urechile State Departmentului ca Dl. General doreste majoritatea.) Mi-au spus : "Acum vrem sa vedem cum vor intelege Romanii Dvoastră sa dea urmare apelului nostru." Fata de aceasta comunicare, Dl. General a hotarat sa la initiativa formarei Comitetului, informand de aceasta pe State Department si pe M.S. Regale si la primirea adezuiilor sa declare Comitetul format cu numarul acelora ce au raspuns afirmativ la apel. Locurile necomplete prin refuz sau ne raspuns, Dl. General le va tine libere pentru a da posibilitatea si celorialitii ce n'au primit cum sa poata intra in Comitet oricand. Dl. General nu poate nescocoti apelul State Departmentului si nu avea alta solutie decat cea adoptata de el.... Iarasi stii ca nu ma pretez la falsificarea alevărului, pentru ca in acest caz ar fi prea grav, chiar o crima. Trebuie sa-ti mai spun ca, in ansamblul problemei romanesti Dl. General a vazut intotdeauna foarte clar si ca insasi State Department acum vine sa verifice intocmai punctul sau de vedere. Dl. General nu poate nescocoti apelul Americanilor si a trece cu vederea o dorinta a lor, mai ales cand noi dorim si cerem in permanenta numai ajutorul lor sa ne salveze tara. In acelasi timp State Departmentul ne-a promis tot sprijinul sub toate formele....

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From FOB
Subject General Nicolae Radescu

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